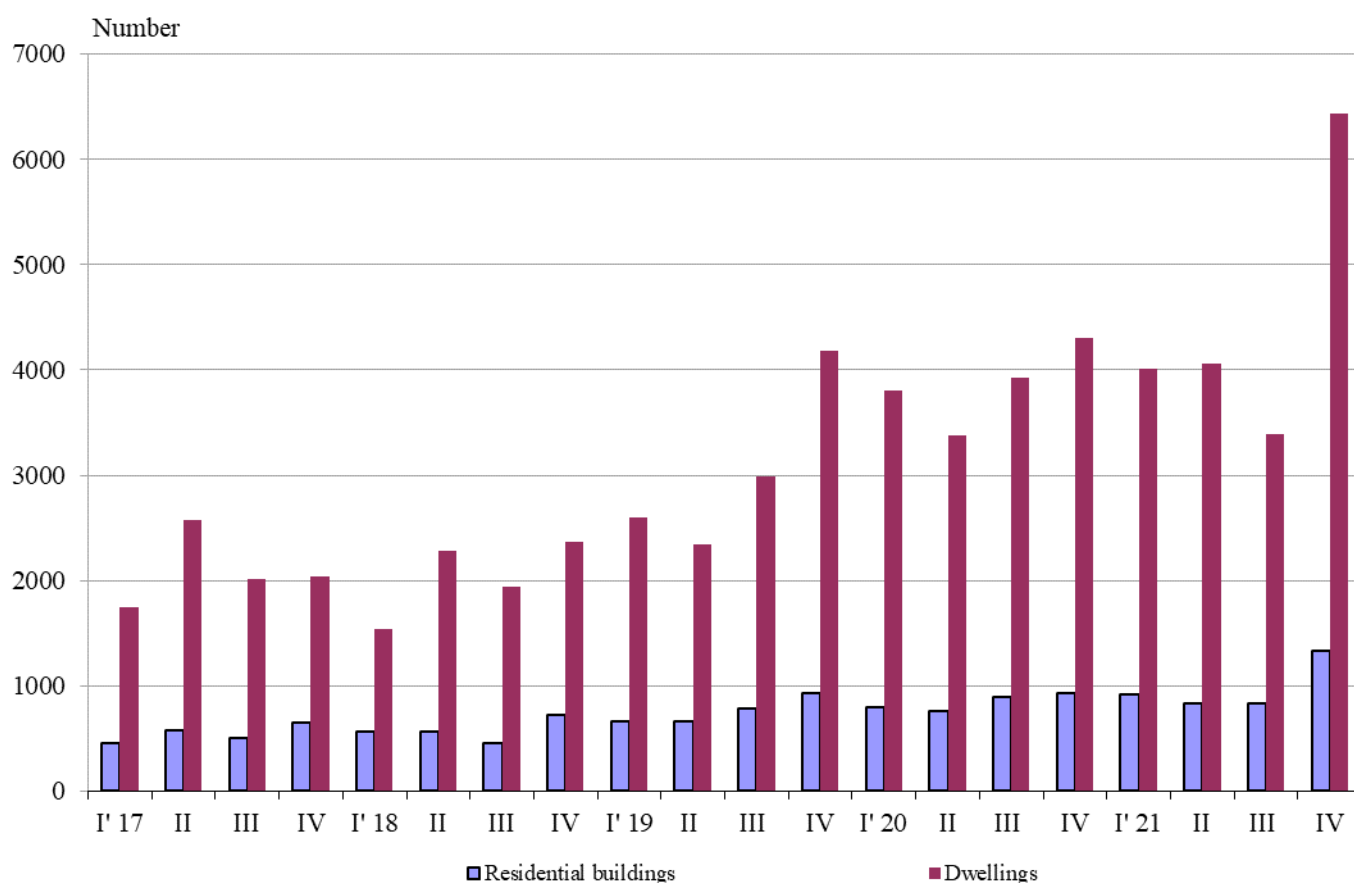


NEWLY BUILT RESIDENTIAL BUILDINGS AND DWELLINGS COMPLETED IN THE FOURTH QUARTER OF 2021 (PRELIMINARY DATA)

According to preliminary data of the National Statistical Institute in the fourth quarter of 2021, the number of newly built residential buildings was 1 329 and the newly built dwellings in them were 6 430 (Annex, Table 1). Compared to the fourth quarter of 2020 the buildings were by 401 more (or by 43.2%), and the newly built dwellings in them increased by 2 121 or by 49.2% (Figure 1).

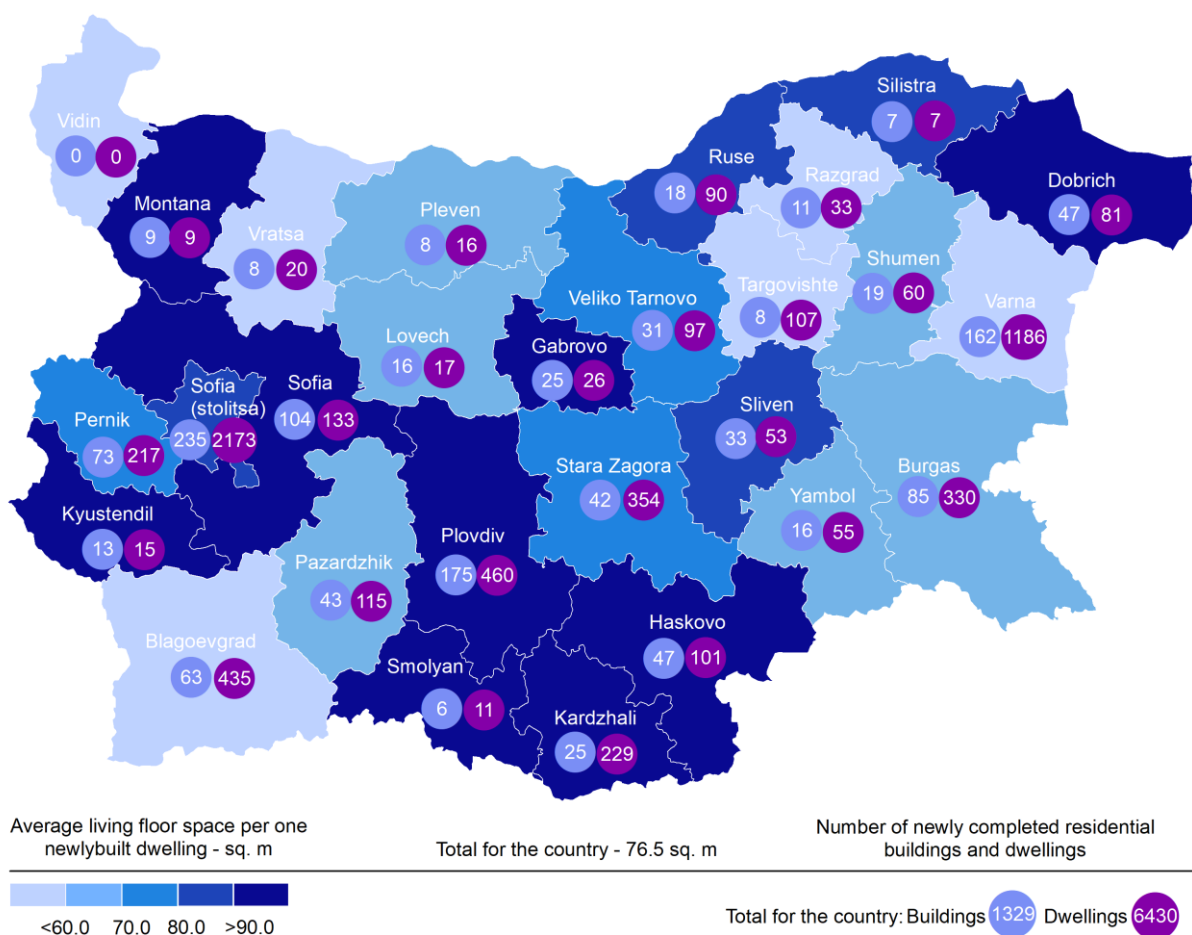
Figure 1. Newly built residential buildings and dwellings completed by quarters



In the fourth quarter of 2021, 76.3% of the newly built residential buildings were with steel-concrete construction, 20.5% with solid structure, 2.4% with 'other' and 0.8% with a panel. The highest is the relative share of houses (73.9%), followed by blocks of flats (18.7%). As compared to the fourth quarter of 2020 the number of newly built houses, blocks of flats, country houses and mixed buildings rose (Annex, Table 2).

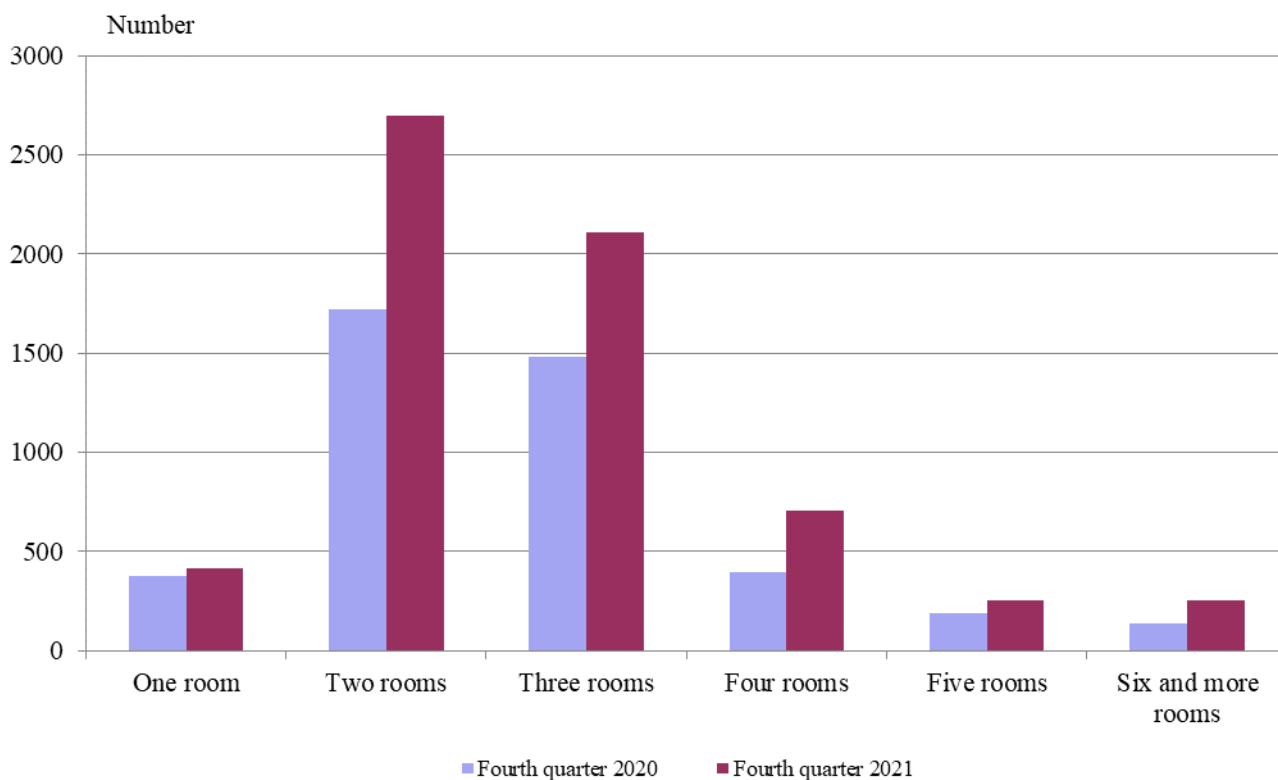
The highest is the number of residential buildings built in district Sofia (stolitsa) - 235 residential buildings with 2 173 dwellings, followed by Plovdiv - 175 residential buildings with 460 dwellings, and Varna - 162 buildings with 1 186 dwellings in them (Figure 2).

Figure 2. Newly built residential buildings and dwellings completed in the fourth quarter of 2021 by districts



The highest is the number of newly built dwellings with two rooms (41.9%), followed by the number of those with three rooms (32.8%) and the lowest is the number of dwellings with six and more rooms - 3.9% (Figure 3).

Figure 3. Newly built dwellings completed by number of rooms

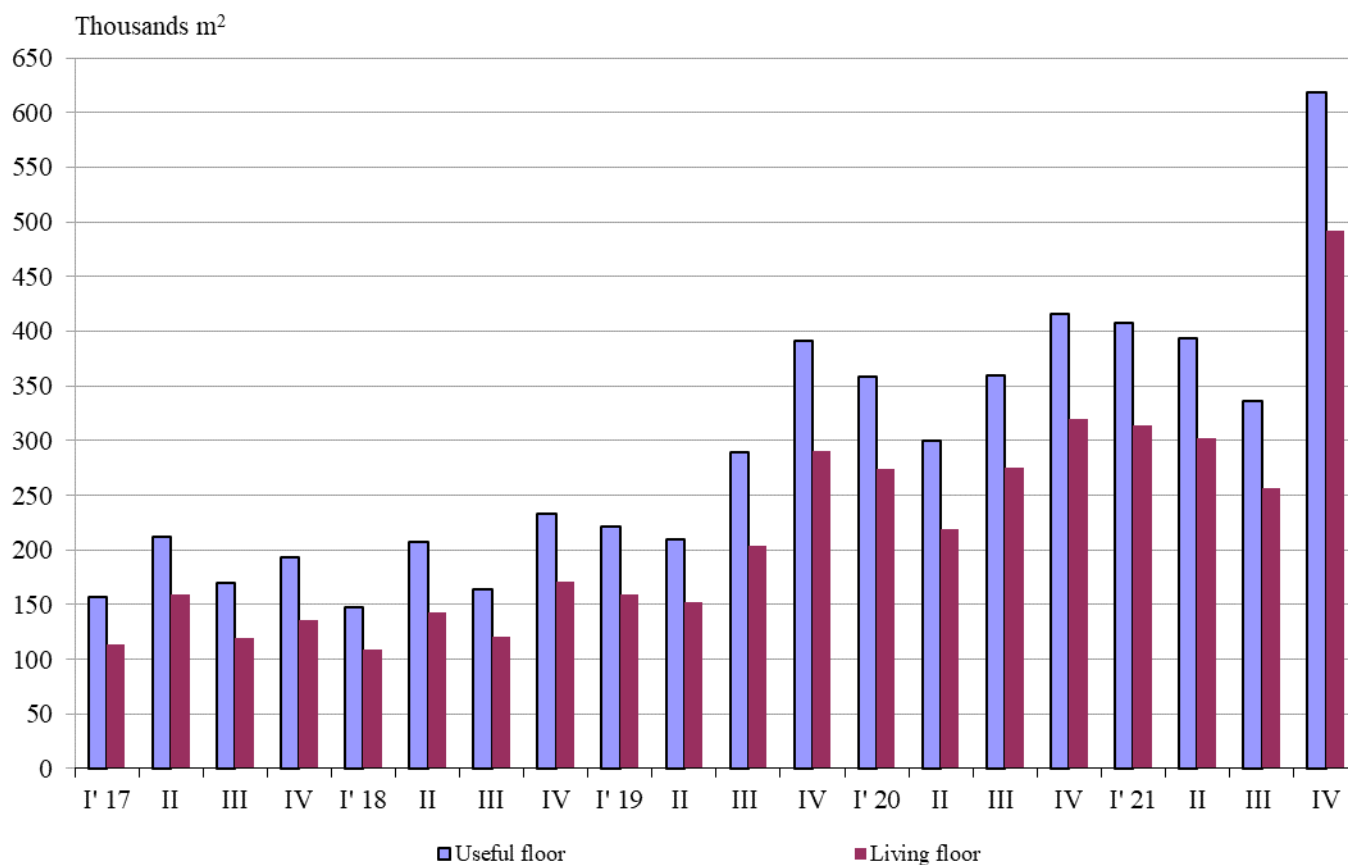


In the fourth quarter of 2021 **the total useful space** of newly built dwellings was 618.4 thousand sq. m or by 48.5% more, compared to the same quarter of 2020, and **the living floor space** increased (by 53.7%) to 492.1 thousand sq. m (Figure 4).

The **average useful floor space** of a newly built dwelling decreased from 96.6 sq. m in the fourth quarter of 2020 to 96.2 sq. m in the same quarter of 2021.

The biggest average useful floor space of a newly built dwelling was recorded in districts Montana – 208.9 sq. m and Gabrovo - 192.2 sq. m, and the smallest one in Vratsa - 52.3 sq. m and Blagoevgrad - 67.9 sq. meters.

Figure 4. Total useful floor space and living floor space of newly built dwellings completed by quarters





Methodological notes

The statistical data about the newly built residential buildings and dwellings are prepared based on quarterly reports of the municipal administrations.

In the scope of the survey are newly built residential buildings with approved or valid usage licenses according to Regulation No. 2/31.07.2003 of the Ministry of Regional Development and Public Works.

Living floor space is the floor space of living rooms, bedrooms, recesses for sleeping, dining rooms, cabinets and libraries of scientists and drawing rooms and the space of kitchens with over 4 sq. m floor space. The space of the kitchens with over 4 sq. m of floor area was presented separately before 31.12.2018.

Service floor space is the floor space of rooms and kitchens with less than 4 square meters floor space, vestibules with a portal or other screen, corridors, bathrooms, toilets, larders, hanging closets, other service rooms such as drying-rooms, laundries or balconies regardless their space.

The useful floor space of the dwelling is a sum of the living-floor space and the service floor space.

The average useful floor space is a ratio between the useful floor space and the number of dwellings.

Annex

Table 1

Newly built residential buildings and dwellings completed in the fourth quarter of 2021¹

Districts	Newly completed residential buildings and dwellings - in numbers		Useful floor area of newly built dwellings - sq. m		
	Buildings	Dwellings	Total	Living floor space, incl. kitchens over 4 sq. m	Service floor space, incl. kitchens under 4 sq. m
Total	1329	6430	618390	492089	126301
Blagoevgrad	63	435	29545	22137	7408
Burgas	85	330	29356	22380	6976
Varna	162	1186	86205	66626	19579
Veliko Tarnovo	31	97	9560	7473	2087
Vidin	-	-	-	-	-
Vratsa	8	20	1046	842	204
Gabrovo	25	26	4996	2640	2356
Dobrich	47	81	12179	7872	4307
Kardzhali	25	229	24942	22171	2771
Kyustendil	13	15	1953	1565	388
Lovech	16	17	1884	1182	702
Montana	9	9	1880	1157	723
Pazardzhik	43	115	11167	7916	3251
Pernik	73	217	21941	16314	5627
Pleven	8	16	1399	1041	358
Plovdiv	175	460	57959	45815	12144
Razgrad	11	33	2518	1721	797
Ruse	18	90	9668	7600	2068
Silistra	7	7	895	575	320
Sliven	33	53	7336	4706	2630
Smolyan	6	11	1437	1204	233
Sofia	104	133	19861	15558	4303
Sofia (stolitsa)	235	2173	220977	186520	34457
Stara Zagora	42	354	29104	25430	3674
Targovishte	8	107	8666	5472	3194
Haskovo	47	101	11675	9105	2570
Shumen	19	60	5648	3687	1961
Yambol	16	55	4593	3380	1213

¹Preliminary data.

Table 2

Newly built residential buildings by type of building

(Number)

	2018				2019				2020				2021*			
	I quarter	II quarter	III quarter	IV quarter	I quarter	II quarter	III quarter	IV quarter	I quarter	II quarter	III quarter	IV quarter	I quarter	II quarter	III quarter	IV quarter
Total	570	572	460	722	665	662	788	937	792	757	899	928	925	838	838	1329
Houses	451	420	334	573	490	504	576	693	553	530	659	667	672	617	634	982
Blocks of flats	65	89	91	91	111	98	125	183	169	170	161	184	167	139	123	248
Mixed buildings	21	24	8	19	31	27	33	36	34	34	30	26	37	45	31	39
Hostels	-	-	-	-	1	2	1	1	1	2	2	1	-	-	-	3
Country houses	32	37	27	39	29	30	51	24	35	21	46	49	45	36	50	56
Buildings of institutional households	1	2	-	-	3	1	2	-	-	-	1	1	4	1	-	1

* Preliminary data.